

## **Eleanor Jones**

She grew up at the Britannia Inn, which her grandfather took over in 1913, and then moved to the Sun Rhewl. Her childhood was quite lonely, as her grandfather, an ex-Sergeant Major, discouraged other children from being in the public house- due to fear of tittle-tattling about who was there or not. She says that she was very observant and interested in people. Used to listen to the radio and read. Her cousin stayed for a while.

Her grandmother died in 1941, and her aunty took over The Britannia in 1938. They left in 1944 and went to the Sun Rhewl. The Sun was very cold - no electricity, water only tricked in and if Mrs Jones, next door, had her tap on, no water at all. It was popular.

You couldn't get near on a Saturday for cars. The Green Berets came and Marine Commandos Training Corp of North Wales.

Eleanor's father, Ted Thomas, was a quarryman. He quarried slate, and her Taid slab at Pentredŵr and Glyndwfdwy and limestone at Garth. Also locally there were Moel Faen and Westminster quarries towards Bryn Eglwys and Clogiau slab quarry up the Horseshoe Pass.

Eleanor's parents kept the Travellers Rest Inn - which was over the Horseshoe Pass (further down than the houses, which are still there - it is possible to see the foundations) - gone since the late 1930's. It was a popular pub with lots of singing. It could be very frightening at times if some of the roadsters became too rowdy.

The mountain keeper, Mr Drakely, lived by the old Westminster quarry in a house called "Norway". Both he and the game keeper were listed amongst Eleanor's childhood friends. She met them as she would roam freely on the hills and fields, though knowing never to go into the woods in spring). She knew the "country code" from a very early age.

She was brought up speaking English and went to Pentredŵr School.